

Bush to Speak

The guest of honor and principal speaker at the OPC's 32nd Annual Awards Dinner, April 23, will be George H. Bush, new U.S. chief delegate and head of the American Mission to the U.N. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Pierre with *Bob Considine* as chairman, according to *Stephen Korsen*, executive vice-chairman for the event.

17 nominated for 8 vacancies on OPC Board

The nominations committee of the Board of Governors of OPC last week submitted the names of 14 members for the seven vacancies as active governors and three for the single vacancy as an associate governor.

Voting will be complete in time for the annual meeting in the last week in April. Biographies of the 14 nominees will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Those nominated for active governor are: *Whit Burnett*, *Michael Crissan*, *Gerold Frank*, *Henry Gladstone*, *James Harper*, *Sidney Kline*, *Elmer Lower*, *Rosalind Massow*, *Lawrence Mihlon*, *Charles Rotkin*, *Leonard Saffir*, *Ralph Salazar*, *John Wilford*, and *Thomas O'Toole*.

For associate governor: *George Dugan*, *Jack Raymond* and *Lewis Thompson*.

The election committee, appointed by the president and approved by the Board consists of: *Grace Naismith* (chairman), *Lawrence Blochman*, *Spencer Valmy*, *Al Kastner*, *Frances Kish*, *Howard Allen*, *Betty Etter*, *Harry Jiler*, and *Charles Campbell*.

Constitution amendments voted to ease qualification for active membership

In the voting on the five constitutional amendments that ended Feb. 5, almost 300 active members of OPC voted decisively to relax foreign news coverage qualifications for active membership thus allowing many more members to take part in Club policy decisions. The vote also opened the way to recall of Club officers or governors in case of malfeasance.

Several ambiguities remain, however, and they will have to be clarified at the next Board of Governors session.

Amendment 1, which simply allowed for changes in requirements for active membership by inserting four words in section III of the constitution, easily achieved the two thirds majority required, with 193 ayes and 84 nays.

Amendment 2, making eligible for active membership working journalists with three/or more consecutive years on American-owned media or a total of six years if not consecutive, squeaked through 198 to 93. Amendment 4, permitting eligibility for anyone with at least ten years of experience in news coverage for American-owned media was approved by 205 to 89.

No mass transfers

It appeared, however, that the voting members did not wish to permit wholesale transfers of status without some checks, for Amendment 3, which automatically transferred members to the active category if they met the standards of Amendments 2 and 4, did not achieve the two-thirds vote. It failed with 189 Ayes and 102 Nays. Thus, presumably, the Board will have to determine procedures of application to be followed in all transfers.

As for number 5, the recall amendment, it passed overwhelmingly, stipulating that a simple majority of the same membership that elected an officer or governor may also remove him or her. The vote was 235 to 60.

President *Will Oursler* welcomed the vote for change. "Passage of these amendments achieves a long hoped for goal that will enable us to launch a membership drive and to bring more and more of the younger working press into the Club as active voting members. It should also encourage many Associate members to transfer to active and to play an increasing role in the Club's operation," he said.

However, because the Board chose not to repeat the mailing of the membership meeting discussion summary of the amendments when the second, corrected ballot was mailed out, judging chairman *Jack Frummer* believes the

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President Nixon's communications chief, Herbert Klein, responds to jocular introduction by Bob Considine at March 2 Headliner's Lunch. See story page 3.

Photo by Lisa Hoffman

Harriman's goal: to make Nixon ex-president

He has two objectives, the end of the Indochina war and to insure President Nixon is a one-time president, former New York State Governor W. Averell Harriman told an applauding OPC Book Night dinner audience last week.

Said the former Paris Vietnam negotiator, "The arrogance of power which has hit some Americans must be checked. We can't win in Laos, North Vietnam, China and the Soviet Union. We can't impose our will on the peoples of South East Asia. It's too close to China."

A frequent target of the present administration, the Governor criticized the President's recent state of the world message as a lot of nonsense. "Saying things doesn't make them so. Every step he takes is based on old mistakes."

Gov. Harriman feels the door with Hanoi must be kept ajar. "The talks, with the U.S. President's sanction, have been consistently and deliberately torpedoed by President Thieu," he said. "Previous U.S. administrative pressure to get civilians who want to negotiate into the Saigon government has been reversed by the Nixon administration."

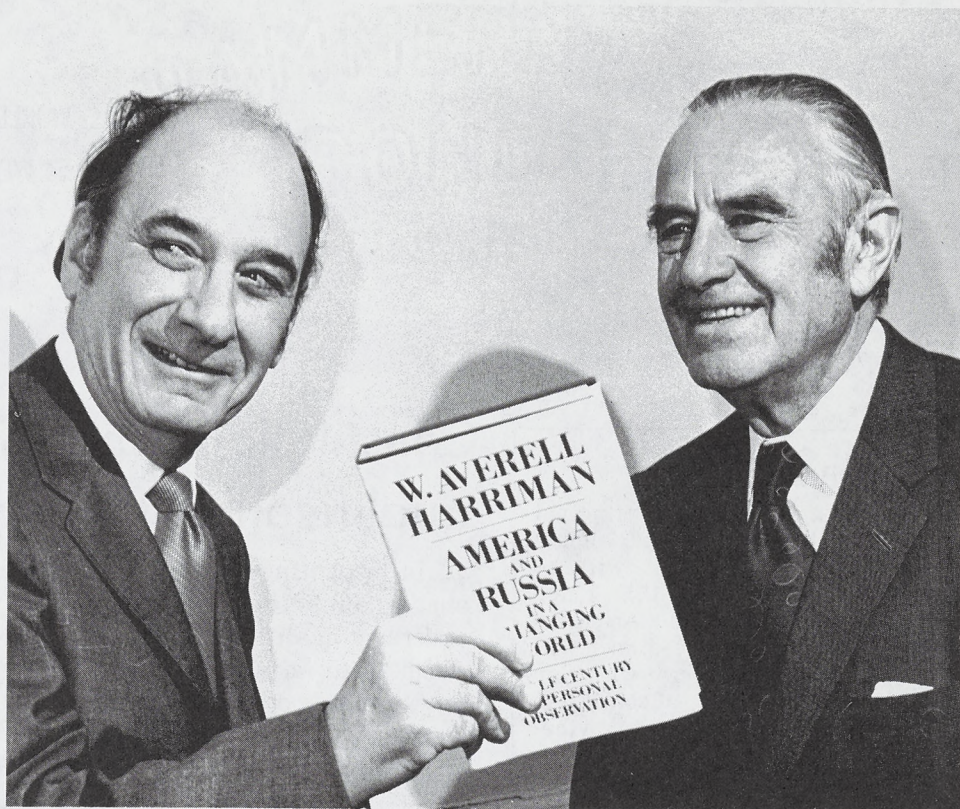
War is not peace "as long as our planes and gunboats are there. There must be a responsible withdrawal and agreement with Hanoi about reconstruction of the entire area." Gov. Harriman also named as conditions for withdrawal return of all POW's and guarantees against reprisals.

"I'm more unhappy tonight than at any other time. We're not being told what's happening in this fantastic (Laotian) situation. I hope the war is over before 1972 so that the elections can be based on domestic issues."

Predicts survival

Governor Harriman then said he's nevertheless very optimistic about our chances of survival on this small globe and has dedicated his new book, "America and Russia in a Changing World," to this proposition.

Commenting on his recent visit to Moscow with presidential aspirant Gov. Edmund Muskie of Maine, he said "a lot of change in the Soviet Union will depend on how we behave. I don't love the Russians but they're there. Their hardliners compete with our hardliners. But I think they're changing. If we can come to any one agreement on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Berlin or the Middle East, it will help all three. It's going to be a long slow pull but I'd



President Will Oursler, who knows how to brandish a book, does the honors for former Gov. W. Averell Harriman at Book Night, March 2. Photo by Tommy Weber

like to see us live our lives out."

About 100 guests heard the Governor introduced by Dorothy Omansky. At the table of honor sat George H. Bush, new United States Chief Delegate to

the UN and OPC awards dinner speaker, John McAllister, of Newsweek, president and Mrs. Will Oursler and Anita Diamant Berke, who had helped arrange for the Gov.'s appearance.

NEW YORK SCENE

Mon., March 15 — Headliner's Luncheon "The Underground Press, what every newsman should know about it and now has a chance to find out." Editors of the Underground Press Service, Other Scenes and The East Village Other will field questions. Samples of subterranean media available to those attending. Noon, reservations required. \$6.00.

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Tues., April 13 — Music Night, 8:30 P.M. Piano and violin recital with John Ryan and Felix Eylie of the Met.

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Fri., April 23 — Annual OPC Awards Dinner at Hotel Pierre.

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Note: East Africa Night has been postponed indefinitely.

Club for Uruguay

Correspondents representing foreign news agencies and publications at Montevideo have formed the first Foreign Press Club in Uruguay. Hector Menoni of UPI was elected first president at the inaugural meeting.

Pianist returns

Canadian pianist Julie Holtzman, 205 West 57th St., New York City, has just returned from a successful European tour. Miss Holtzman, who presented a concert at the Club last Sept. 15, says she is now able to accept a few pupils.

President's press chief worries aloud over superfast news-media analyses

The second floor dining room was packed with 131 noontime lunchers when Herbert Klein brought the Nixon brand of blue-suited aplomb to OPC on March 2. But attending press, wire reporters and TV (Chs. 9 and 11) found little hard news in the communications director's 30-minute talk or in his replies to some pointed questions.

Seemingly at ease through a jocular introduction by *Bob Considine* that contained the inevitable golf anecdote, the tanned but greying longtime confidant of the President arose with his own administration golf joke, "The Vice-President now has his insurance company's name printed on his golf balls instead of his own." (Laughter)

Mr. Klein proceeded to predict that the country is ready for a change and that Mr. Nixon will have his way in revenue sharing as well as in reducing foreign commitments in the next two years.

He refused to admit, however, in answer to a reporter's question that the Vietnam withdrawal timetable would be influenced by the '72 elections.

In his discussion of the relations of the press with the Nixon administration, Mr. Klein took pains to point out that "we have the finest press, radio and TV coverage the world has ever seen." But he indirectly criticized their immediacy, their "instant reportage and analysis of

complex events" and questioned a newspaper headline of that morning which said the President had received a "cool" reception in Des Moines the day before.

The White House communications chief, who had been there with the President and cabinet, said there were sparse crowds because the route was not announced in advance and called the visit to farm state governors and farm press very successful.

During the question period Mr. Klein:

- Refused to echo a Pentagon spokesman who accused foreign correspondents of playing up South Vietnamese setbacks in Laos and downgrading their achievement, but said there had not "been enough emphasis on the blocking of the Ho Chi Minh roads, an achievement unthinkable a year ago."

- Said that the Alsop column with the slurring reference to Sen. J. William Fulbright had been sent out over his name but did not say he had participated in the decision to mail it to editors across the nation.

- Strongly defended the widely criticized length of the Laos invasion embargo by noting that the Communist press is often used to float stories that may elicit information in U.S. papers that their intelligence can't get.

- Refused comment on rumors that Atty. Gen. Mitchell will soon step down to manage President Nixon's '72 campaign or that Mrs. Nixon and Tricia went trousseau shopping recently.

Considine had introduced Mr. Klein as "a newspaper guy who's not intimidated by other newspaper guys." True, true.

Luncheon co-chairmen *Larry Stessin* and *Alton Kastner* looked very pleased with the large turnout for their event from their vantage point at the head table, which they shared with *Ansel Talbert* and treasurer *Len Saffir*, both of whom had jetted up from Washington with the speaker.

Mr. Klein left the OPC lunch to attend the funeral of Richard W. Clark, long-time editor of the Daily News until his retirement in 1968.

Amendments vote

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Board must now vote to validate the voting results since they are in technical violation of Article 13 of the constitution. Frummer says he has received "more than a dozen" complaints that the impartial summary of the debate did not accompany the second ballot.

Press facilities cut show waning interest in Vienna SALT talks

By FRITZ OPPER

VIENNA — Press arrangements for coverage of the SALT conference, opening here Mar. 15, will be less than half as extensive as a year ago, in the face of apparent slackened interest in the U.S.-Soviet negotiations to cut nuclear arms, plus an agreed policy of silence that keeps newsmen from anything but the most superficial information.

According to Dr. Fritz Meznik, Austrian Government Press Service head, fewer than 300 newsmen are expected here for the opening session where last year there were 650 accredited correspondents. The facilities, though adequate, are also being reduced: 12 telephone booths instead of 30; 20 telex machines instead of 43; 50 typewriters instead of the 200 provided previously; no simultaneous translation service; perhaps no snackbar! AP, Tass, AFP and the Austrian Press Agency, however, will provide news tickers, and Dr. Meznik will have a staff on duty to provide additional help.

Ceremonial Austerity

Even the opening ceremony is being cut down to size. Instead of a formal opening in the glittering Belvedere Palace, the heads of the two delegations, Gerard Smith and Vladimir Semyonov, will drop into the office of the Austrian President to pay their respects. Newsmen will be banned from this meeting.

However, according to Bob Behrens, U.S. Embassy PAO, the American delegation will provide briefings after each session. Ned Nordness, public affairs adviser of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, will be on hand as he has been at previous SALT meetings. His terms of reference, though, are such that he is allowed to say little more than that the delegates met and for how long, the atmosphere, and the date and place of the next session.

The Russians didn't even offer that much last year. A Kremlin official poked his head into the press center for a quick look-see just once before returning to Moscow.

It's that lack of information that helps keep the story low key and the correspondents somewhere else.



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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: Col. Barney Oldfield, of Litton Industries, off for a six-week stay in Africa, starting in Johannesburg.... Jean Colbert, director of women's activities at WTIC, Hartford, Conn., back from St. Kitts and Nevis Islands in the West Indies, where she did recordings on tourism, the Peace Corps and fashion for use on her daily program.... Departed last week for the Middle East and Central Europe, Stella Margold. Representing Business Abroad and The American Import & Export Bulletin, Stella will also tape some interviews with high government officials for the Harvard University radio station.... Your columnist, Betty Etter, back from two weeks in Mexico, which she spent lolling in Hotel Taninul's hot sulphur pool.

NEW POSTS: Robert G. Black to Swissair as p. r. manager for North America.... William A. Hosie upped to senior vice president at Hill and Knowlton.... Dr. Whitman Bassow left the Ford Foundation to join the staff of the U. N. where he is special advisor for public affairs for the organization's Conference on the Human Environment scheduled for Stockholm next year.

ARTICLES: Jack Harrison Pollack's "A Plan Thieves Don't Like" in Better Homes & Gardens for March.... Charles Morrow Willson's "The Great Revivalists" in February American History Illustrated.... Ron Schiller's "Those Mysterious Cave Paintings" based on his visit to Altamira, Lascaux and other prehistoric grottos in the current Readers Digest.

Letters

FOREIGN DISCOUNT

A simple suggestion as to how to resolve the "Overseas or Working N.Y.C. Press?" OPC membership dilemma: give 50% reduction to Overseas "actives" on restaurant and bar bills while they're visiting the home club on leave.

Frankly, the only reason I remain a member is to enjoy reciprocity at European and Asian press clubs. Last summer I took a guest to lunch at OPC. The bill came to fourteen dollars for two martinis, chef salads, dessert, and coffee! Needless to say, I did not eat at OPC during the rest of my stay in New York. Yet in London I can enjoy a first-rate lunch with a carafe of red wine for

BOOKS: Paperback by William Laas, "Managing Your Money for Retirement," which has been plugged on TV by astute money manager Jack Benny, has gone into a second million printing, which must be some sort of record for informational books of this type. Laas was a guest recently on Ruth Jacobs' syndicated radio talk show (WEVD in New York) to discuss retirement problems.... New paperback edition of "The Deed," Gerold Frank's book about the assassination of Lord Moyne in Cairo during World War II, out via Ballantine. It's scheduled to be made into a film this year.

RADIO & TV: Eugene Lyons, author of the "Red Decade," which deals with Communism in America during the 1930's, on Jack O'Brian's Critics Circle (WOR) March 5.

LUCKY: Wambly Bald says a funny thing happened to him recently: He won a \$500 state lottery consolation prize. Wambly says he is considering donating his prize to women's lib or some other worthy cause (the OPC?).

HONORS: Who would have guessed that Jim Trullinger is a dog fancier? And, more, the only one of 342 American fanciers who flew to London recently to be an all-rounder (qualified to judge all breeds). As a result, he was the subject of a two-column story, with picture, in the NY Times for Feb. 25.

BORN: To Andrew Meisels, ABC radio correspondent in Tel Aviv, and his wife Martha, a second daughter, Ruth Karen, on January 13 in the Israeli city.

one pound. (\$2.40)

Certainly if the base of the Club is increased to include mostly New York working press, the cost of a 50% discount to Overseas "actives" would be minimal. Think it over!

S. P. Fay, Jr. Salonika, Greece

NO LIBRARY

On one of my infrequent trips to the "Mad Hatter's Tizzy Teapot," I stopped in at the Club. Purpose: to visit the library with the intent to do some research.

To my flabbergastion, I found it closed. Desk clerk said it "ran out of help". At this junction, I have to gaze sadly in the direction of the Morgue and scream, shout and stamp my feet, ejaculating: "Help, help!"

Albert Keshen, Flemington, N.J.

Reciprocity OK with Washington club

Word has come from treasurer Len Saffir that arrangements for reciprocity between OPC and the National Press Club in Washington are now complete. (Bulletin Jan. 30 explained previous problem).

In approving privileges for OPC members at a Feb. 22 meeting of its board of governors, NPC also granted non-resident OPC members living in Washington guest cards to OPC valid for six weeks.

Arrangements for OPC were handled by Saffir, Ansel Talbert and Julia Edwards, chairman of the Club's Washington Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE

John Toland, author, reinstated with Board approval.

ASSOCIATE

Jose Mario Armero, president of Europa Press S.A., admitted by Board invitation.

John Parry, Irving Strauss Associates, transferred from Affiliate by Board action.

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